GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:411
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IRREGULARITIES IN ALLOTMENT OF PETROLEUM OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has given its final orders on the cancellationof petrol pumps, LPG agencies and Kerosene outlets by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Bench of the Supreme Court has also decided to examine controversial allotments; and

(d): if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): The Supreme Court of India vide its judgement dated the 20th December, 2002, has quashed the order of the Government, cancelling allotments of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships made on the recommendations of the Dealer Selection Boardssince January 1, 2000, except in respect of certain cases which were reported in the media. The Court has also appointed a Committee comprising a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India and a retired Judge of the High Court of Delhi and has referred these media-reported cases to this Committee for its examination. The Court has asked the Committee to submit its report to the Court within a period of three months.